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The following are the survey results from the 2004 August Agricultural Yield Survey. A sample of the farmers in Arkansas provided the data for this survey. The data are also posted on our home page at the Internet address above, and more detailed U.S. statistics at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or interview for the survey.

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Rice: Based on conditions as of August 1, the Arkansas all rice yield for 2004 is forecast at 6,650 pounds per acre, up 60 pounds from last year's yield. If realized, this yield would be a record high for the state. All rice harvested acres are estimated at 1.53 million, up 5 percent from 2003. The 2004 total rice production for the state is forecast at 101.7 million hundredweight (cwt), up from last year's production of 95.9 million cwt.

Soybeans: Arkansas soybean yield is forecast at 36.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushel per acre from 38.0 bushels last year, based on conditions as of August 1. Harvested acres of soybeans are estimated at 3.05 million acres, up 160,000 acres from 2003. Soybean production for Arkansas in 2004 is forecast at 109.8 million bushels, down fractionally from a year ago.

Cotton: Based on conditions as of August 1, Arkansas cotton production is forecast at 1.70 million bales (480 pounds per bale), down 104,000 bales from a year ago. The derived yield of 877 pounds per acre is down 39 pounds per acre from last year's yield. Harvested acres are estimated at 930,000 acres, down from last year's 945,000 acres harvested.

Sorghum: Grain sorghum production for the state is forecast at 7.20 million bushels, compared to 17.22 million a year ago, based on conditions as of August 1. The state average grain sorghum yield is forecast at 80 bushels per acre, down 2 bushel per acre from last year's average yield. Acres harvested for grain sorghum are estimated at 90,000, compared to 210,000 acres in 2003.

Corn: Based on conditions as of August 1, the 2004 Arkansas corn for grain yield is forecast at 140 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's yield. Acres of corn harvested for grain are estimated at 300,000, compared to 350,000 acres harvested in 2003. Total corn for grain production in the state is forecast at 42 million bushels.

Arkansas Area Harvested, Yield, and Production 2003-2004-August Forecast

| Crop | Area Harvested | | Yield | | Production | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------|---------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 |
| | Thousand Acres | | Yield per acre | | Thousands | |
| Rice, All, 1/ | 1,455 | 1,530 | 6,590 | 6,650 | 95,860 | 101,745 |
| Soybeans, bushels | 2,890 | 3,050 | 38.0 | 36.0 | 109,820 | 109,800 |
| Cotton, Upland 2/ | 945 | 930 | 916 | 877 | 1,804 | 1,700 |
| Sorghum, bushels | 210 | 90 | 82.0 | 80.0 | 17,220 | 7,200 |
| Corn, bushels | 350 | 300 | 140.0 | 140.0 | 49,000 | 42,000 |
| Winter Wheat, bushels | 570 | 620 | 50.0 | 52.0 | 28,500 | 32,240 |

^{1/} Rice yield in pounds. Rice Production in hundredweight (cwt)

^{2/} Cotton yield in pounds per acre. Cotton Production in 480 pound bales.

United States

Rice: U.S. production is forecast at 221.6 million cwt, up 11 percent from last year. Harvested acres, at 3.32 million, are up 11 percent from 2003. As of August 1, the U.S. all rice yield is forecast at 6,680 pounds per acre. This is up 35 pounds from the previous record high yield in 2003.

Soybeans: U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.88 billion bushels, up 19 percent from 2003. If realized, this would be the second largest U.S. soybean production on record. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.1 bushels per acre, up 5.7 bushels from 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, up 2 percent from the 2003 acreage.

Upland Cotton: U.S. upland cotton production is forecast at 19.48 million 480-pound bales, 9 percent above 2003. Upland cotton harvested area, at 13.07 million acres, is up 10 percent from a year ago.

Corn: U.S. corn production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, 8 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 148.9 bushels per acre, up 6.7 bushels from last year.

United States Area Harvested, Yield, and Production 2003-2004 –August Forecast

| Crop | Area Harvested | | Yield | | Production | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|-------|------------|------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 |
| | Thousand Acres | | Yield per acre | | Thousands | |
| Rice, All, 1/ | 2,997 | 3,318 | 6,645 | 6,680 | 199,157 | 221,646 |
| Soybeans, bushels | 72,321 | 73,655 | 33.4 | 39.1 | 2,417,565 | 2,876,627 |
| Cotton, Upland 2/ | 11,826.0 | 13,067.0 | 723 | 716 | 17,822.9 | 19,480.0 |
| Sorghum, bushels | 7,798 | 6,916 | 52.7 | 67.2 | 411,237 | 464,782 |
| Corn, bushels | 71,139 | 73,377 | 142.2 | 148.9 | 10,113,887 | 10,923,099 |
| Winter Wheat, bushels | 36,541 | 34,825 | 46.7 | 42.8 | 1,707,069 | 1,489,408 |

^{1/} Rice yield in pounds. Rice Production in hundredweight (cwt)

^{2/} Cotton yield in pounds per acre. Cotton Production in 480 pound bales.
